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Will Kempton, Director California Department of Transportation 1120 N Street, Mail Station 82 P.O. Box 942874 Sacramento, California 94274-0001

Attention: Abhijit J. Bagde, Senior Transportation Engineer, Caltrans Division of

Transportation Programming

Dear Mr. Kempton:

SUBJECT: Re: FY 2006/07 to 2011/12 Federal Transportation Improvement Program;

SCAG Amendment #4

We have completed our review of the Southern California Association of Governments' (SCAG) 2006/07 to 2008/09 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment #4, as requested by your letter of February 27, 2007. The FTIP amendment was adopted and found to conform by SCAG on February 2, 2007.

We find SCAG's FTIP Amendment #4 was developed based on a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with 23USC 134 &135, 49 USC 5303-5305, and 23CFR450. Based on the documentation submitted by SCAG, we also find the RTIP as amended conforms to the applicable state implementation plan per the requirements of 40 CFR Part 93. The conformity determination relies on the previous regional emissions analysis for the RTP and FTIP. This conformity finding was made in consultation with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region IX office.

This letter constitutes approval of Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment # 4 excluding the following project:

RIV061164 – SR 60 – Change signs for full-time HOV lane operation to allow part-time off-peak SOV lane.

This project cannot be approved until such time that all transportation planning and transportation conformity requirements are met. FHWA will take a separate action on the





project after receipt of the final documentation.

The California Department of Transportation assures this amendment has met the financial constraint requirements included in our transportation planning regulations, i.e. 23 CFR 450.324(e) and that the funding for this amendment does not adversely impact the FSTIP Financial Plan. The eligibility of individual projects is subject to the applicant's satisfaction of all FTA and FHWA administrative requirements.

If you have any questions regarding this determination, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Michelle Noch of the Federal Highway Administration at (916) 498-5034 or Mr. Ted Matley of the Federal Transit Administration at (415) 744-2590.

Sincerely,

/s/ Leslie T. Rogers

/s/ K. Sue Kiser

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